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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ki-Ho Baik, et al.

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RESPONSE "E" AFTER FINAL REJECTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop AF Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The present Response "E" After Final Rejection is in reply to the Final Rejection mailed on July 10, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 10, 2008. Also attached herewith is a copy of a portion of the maintenance manual entitled, "Tetra II Photomask Etch Chamber" in Support of Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131. This Response is being filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the Final Rejection, entitling applicants to an advisory action.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. EH 262355450 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Hon. Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response "E" After Final Rejection. However, in the event any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1512</u> of Shirley L. Church of San Diego, California in the amount of such fee.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 1 - 6, 8, 9, 11 - 13 and 15 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kirkpatrick (U.S. Patent Application 2006/0084229) in view of Itoh (U.S. Patent Application 2004/0058279).

The application is not amended herein. The currently pending claims are presented below for purposes of reference only.